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Draft report

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Chapter __
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its eighteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4-8 May 2015. The Commission held nine meetings (1st to 9th).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America), who made a statement.

3. The Chair, Ms. Omobola Johnson (Nigeria), made opening remarks.

4. Also at the 1st meeting, on 4 May, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an opening statement.

5. At the same meeting, on 4 May, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Austria) addressed the Commission (via a video message).

6. At the same meeting, the following speakers addressed the Commission: The following speakers addressed the Commission: Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Mr. Samuel Ting, Professor and Nobel Laureate, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of technology; Mr. Fadi Chehadé, Chief Executive Officer, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); Mr. Indrajit Banerjee, Director of the Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural

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Organization (UNESCO); and Professor Robin Mansell, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics.

Ministerial round table
"Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goal the role of science, technology and innovation"

7. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 May, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic "Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goal the role of science, technology and innovation", moderated by the Chair (Nigeria), in which the following participants took part: Mr. Héctor Casanueva, Permanent Representative of Chile to the World Trade Organization; Mr. Pascal Nguihe Kante, Head of Division of the Valorisation and Dissemination of the Results of Research, Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation of Cameroon; Her Excellency Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona, Minister of Superior Education, Science and Technology of Dominican Republic; His Excellency Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, Minister of Scientific Research and Technological Innovation of the Republic of Congo; and His Excellency Pichet Durong Keveroj, Minister of Science and Technology of Thailand; His Excellency Kamran Ali-Qureshi, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology of Pakistan; His Excellency Hilal Al-Hinai, Chair of the Research Council of Oman; Mr. Patrick K. Nkanza, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Vocational Training and Early Education of Zambia; Mr. Mohammed Jibrin, Director General and Chief Executive Officer, National Board for Technology Incubation of Nigeria; Ms. Frances Colón, Acting Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State of the United States of America; His Excellency João Sebastião Teta, Secretary of State for Science and Technology of Angola; and Professor Azhari Abdelbagi, Under-Secretary for the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Sudan.

8. An interactive discussion ensued with the delegations of Uganda, Morocco, the United Kingdom and China also took part in the interactive discussion, as well as the observer for the European Union.

9. At the same meeting, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made introductory remarks.

Ministerial round table "Ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes"

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 4 May, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic "Ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes", moderated by the Chair (Nigeria), in which the following participants took part: Her Excellency Zohra Derdouri, Minister of Postal Technologies, Information and communication of Algeria; His Excellency Daniel Sepulveda, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy of the United States of America; Mr. Godfrey Malama, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of Zambia; and Mr. Philip Metzger, Director of the Federal Offices of Communications of Switzerland.

11. An interactive dialogue ensued with the delegations of Cuba and Mexico, as well as the observer of the European Union.

12. The following non-governmental organizations also took part: the International Chamber of Commerce and ISOC-Internet Society.

B. Attendance

13. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of civil society and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2015/INF/___.

C. Election of officers

14. At the 8th meeting of its seventeenth session, on 16 May 2014, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its seventeenth session by acclamation.

Chair:

H.E. Omobola Johnson (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Majed Almazyed (Saudi Arabia)

Peter Major (Hungary)

Victoria Romero (Mexico)

Andrew Reynolds (United States of America)

15. At its 1st meeting, on 4 May 2015, the Commission appointed Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America) to serve, in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, as Rapporteur of the eighteenth session of the Commission.

16. Since the membership of Saudi Arabia in the Commission expired on 31 December 2014, Mr. Majed Almzyed could no longer carry out the his functions as Vice-Chair.

D. Agenda and organization of work

17. At its 1st meeting, on 4 May, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.16/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
3. Science and technology for development

   Priority themes:

   (a) Strategic foresight for the post-2015 development agenda

   (b) Digital development
4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews
5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the nineteenth session of the Commission
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighteenth session

18. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the proposed organization of work, contained in an informal paper circulated in English only.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Commission appointed Ms. Victoria Romero (Mexico) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Science and technology for development" and Mr. Peter Major (Hungary) to facilitate the draft resolution on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society", and Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America) was appointed as the Facilitator of the draft decisions before the Commission.